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SUBJECT: IRAQI-KUWAITI RELATIONS

DURING MEETING WITH FONMIN SABAH AL-AHMAD AUG 28, I ASKED HIM IF HE HAD RECENT INDICATIONS IRAQIS TRYING NOT ONLY IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH EGYPTIANS BUT ALSO BECOME MORE RESPECTABLE IN AREA AS A WHOLE INCLUDING GULF. SABAH REPLIED HE HAD RECEIVED SUCH REPORTS BUT THEY COULD NOT BE PROVED BY IRAQI ATTITUDE TOWARD KUWAIT. IRAQIS HAD GIVEN UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID (ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO IRAQ) SAME OLD LINE THAT THEY REQUIRED "WINDOW" ON GULF TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM IRANIANS. "WINDOW" SHOULD CONSIST OF ISLAND OF WARBA AND "A PIECE" OF BUBYAN ISLAND AS WELL. WHEN ZAYID ASKED WHAT IRAQ PREPARED CEDE IN RETURN, HIS HOSTS ALLEGEDLY SAID "NA'TIHUM MIN AL-BARR" ("WE WILL GIVE THEM SOME OF OUR EMPTY LAND"). OBVIOUSLY, ADDED KUWAITI

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FONMIN, IRAQI-KUWAITI RELATIONS, AT LEAST, WERE NOT PROGRESSING

VERY WELL; PLEA THAT KUWAITI ISLANDS NEEDED FOR DEFENSE AGAINST
IRAN WAS MANIFESTLY RUBBISH.
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